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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned inventor, hereby submit a Preliminary Amendment being files concurrently and together with a Continuation Patent Application which is a Continuation of parent case Serial 09/192,101, referenced above. Please amend the Continuation Patent Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-30 without prejudice and without disclaiming any of the subject matter contained therein.

Please insert the following claims:

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